

# North Carolina Weather & Crops Report

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## CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 22, 2013

GENERAL: There were 6.0 days suitable for field work for the week ending September 23<sup>rd</sup>, compared to 6.3 days for the week ending September 15<sup>th</sup>. Statewide soil moisture levels were rated at 3% very short, 28% short, 65% adequate and 4% surplus. The state received wide spread precipitation this week with several areas receiving 2.0 or more inches of rain. Average temperatures were below normal for most of the state this week with fall like conditions. Corn harvest is in-line with last year and the 5-year average while tobacco harvest has moved ahead of last year and the 5-year averages. Sweet potato harvest is just beginning.

### CROP PROGRESS PERCENT – WITH COMPARISONS

	This week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg.
PHENOLOGICAL:				
Cotton % Bolls Open	60	34	76	78
Soybeans % Blooming	94	93	100	100
Soybeans % Pods Set	88	84	100	99
Soybeans % Leaf Drop	12	na	20	22
HARVESTED:				
Apples	52	41	70	60
Corn For Grain	74	53	74	71
Corn For Silage	88	84	94	92
Hay 2nd Cutting	93	88	99	95
Hay 3rd Cutting	36	34	61	55
Sorghum	26	11	na	na
Sweet Potatoes	10	na	24	25
Tobacco: Burley	88	84	79	74
Tobacco: Flue-cured	92	87	80	78

### CROP CONDITION PERCENT

	VP	P	F	G	EX
Cotton	3	12	42	40	3
Hay	1	7	35	54	3
Pasture	0	5	30	58	7
Peanuts	0	3	18	60	19
Sorghum	1	3	33	60	3
Soybeans	3	9	37	45	6
Sweet Potatoes	0	2	62	35	1

VP = Very Poor P = Poor F = Fair G = Good EX = Excellent

### SOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

	VS	ST	A	SS
State	3	28	65	4
Mountain Region	0	11	77	12
Piedmont Region	3	37	58	2
Coastal Plain Region	5	32	63	0

VS= Very Short ST = Short A = Adequate SS = Surplus

Excellent weather for the last 3 weeks. Crops have recovered some.

**Dwayne Tate – Region 12 Agronomist**

Corn harvest has been going well. Land preparation being done for small grain planting. Soybeans are maturing for harvest.

**Tommy R. Grandy –Currituck County Extension**

Crops are in fair to good condition overall. We had rain to move in Friday and Saturday.

**Phil Bunn – Central Crops Research Station**

Conditions have been dry with crops starting to show signs of drought stress in the last week on light soils. Recent rainfall was very welcome as late planted soybeans are continuing to grow. Corn yields are up and down just depending on low spots in the field..

**Mac Malloy – Robeson County Extension**

Much of the county received over two inches of rain on Saturday, which was a welcome sight for those who had already planted grains and grasses. Cotton defoliation started this week, and the corn harvest made major headway with the drier conditions in the early part of the week.

**Stephen Bishop – Cleveland County NRCS**

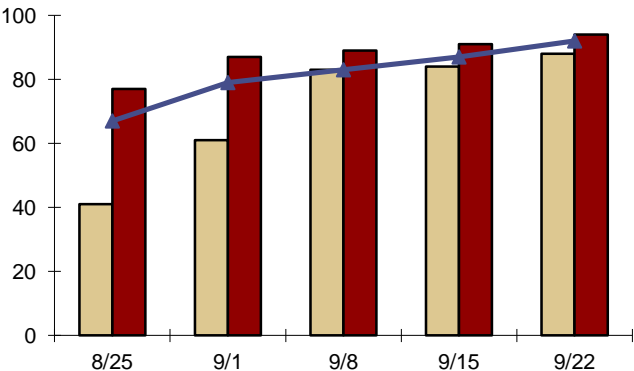
Essentially all the hay crop has been harvested at this time and the vast majority of the burley tobacco crop is in the barn. Corn harvest is just beginning and vegetable/truck crop harvest is winding down.

**Stanley Holloway – Yancey County Extension**

Tobacco harvest is starting to wind down. Yields have been lighter than normal. Some fall field work starting. Soybeans are starting to turn color, but not dropping leaves yet. Second and third cuttings of hay are being harvested. Conditions have been pretty dry, so hopefully the weekend showers will help forage and crop growth.

**Paul Westfall – Granville County Extension**

CORN FOR SILAGE HARVESTED



TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

